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Amendments to the Specification: Please amend paragraph [0025] to read as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph [0025]:

[0025]   If, at step 104, the event programming code is detected, at step 106 the
answering machine unit transmits a signal to the microprocessor to enter event programming
mode and, at step 108, passes control to the IRD 18. If no event programming code is
detected at step ~~106~~104 then, at step 110 the answering machine determines if the end of
message has been played. If not, the answering machine unit returns to step 104 and
continues "listen" for an EP code. When the end of message code is been detected at step 110,
step 112 the answering machine unit may wait, for example, for a short interval (e. g. two (2)
seconds) before continuing. After the delay, if no EP code is detected, the answering machine
unit functions strictly as a standard answering machine. It may, for example, prompt the user
to leave a message or enter a code to place the answering machine into answering machine
administrative mode, allowing the user to retrieve messages or perform administrative
functions.